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Applicant:

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, Claims 1-17, 19 and 20, drawn to a protection apparatus with connectors, classified in class 405, subclass 195.1. Applicants, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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